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REQUIREMENTS FOR Residential Fences

A building permit is required for all fences. Fences must meet the requirements of the Woodstock City Code and the Woodstock Zoning Ordinance.

Individual subdivision covenants may have special requirements and restrictions in addition to those adopted by the City of Woodstock.

PERMIT APPLICATION

The permit process begins with the submittal of a completed permit application, including the cost of construction and the following:

- * A copy of a plat of survey or other plot plan drawn to scale indicating:
 - the location of the fence
 - type of fence
 - location of any easements

Permit fees are paid at the time of issuance of the permit.

Permit Fee: **\$20.00**

LOCATION

All fences must be placed inside the owner's property line. The Community Development Department strongly suggests that the fence be placed at least six inches (6") within the property line.

Fences may be placed in utility or drainage easements at the homeowner's risk. If within a drainage easement, fences must not impede drainage. If the fence must be removed to access utilities for any reason, work crews are not responsible for replacement.

PERMITTED HEIGHT OF FENCES

Fences may be constructed in a rear yard or side yard, but only to a maximum height of six feet (6')

Any fence erected in a required front yard or side yard abutting a street, or between the front of a structure and the abutting street right-of-way, shall be at least 50 percent open, i.e., no more than 50 percent visually obscured.

No fence greater than 4 feet in height shall be constructed in a required front yard or side yard abutting a street, unless the principal structure encroaches into the required front yard or side yard abutting a street, in which case such a fence may be as close to the front or side lot line as the encroaching structure.

Fences installed in a rear yard abutting a street shall comply with the standards and specifications for a fence erected in a required front yard. Fences up to 6 feet high located in a rear yard abutting a street may be approved by the Community Development Director if said fence is setback a distance of at least 10 feet from the abutting street right-of-way and otherwise in compliance with this section.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

No fence may be constructed in any public right-of-way.

No fence shall be constructed of barbed wire, spikes or other pointed instruments.

No fence shall be electrified.

The finished side of a fence shall face outward.

The City of Woodstock will not get involved disputes between property owners regarding location of property lines or the maintenance of fences. Such disputes shall be considered entirely as civil matters.

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS

Inspections should be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance, by calling the Community Development Department: 815/338-4305. The following information is needed when requesting an inspection:

- Address of Inspection
- Type of Inspection
- Date and time when inspection is needed
- Building Permit Number

One inspection is required:

- Final: After the fence is completed.

(Unified Development Ordinance, Section 7B.3.6)

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BEFORE YOU DIG
1-800-892-0123 48 HOURS BEFORE YOU DIG
EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS**